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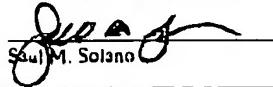
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Title: WEARABLE CONTINUOUS RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY DEVICE  
 Applicant: Victor GURA  
 Appl. No.: 29/150,402  
 Art. No.: 30504-1/P01  
 Filed: November 16, 2001

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Friday, December 14, 2001, I am sending you a Petition to Convert application No. 29/150,402 into a utility application. Enclosed please find the following document:

- Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 and 1.182; and
- A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (619) 699-2494.

Sincerely,



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 Enclosure

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****FAX RECEIVED**In re application of: **GURA****DEC 17 2001**Application No.: **29/150,402****PETITIONS OFFICE**Filed: **November 16, 2001**For: **WEARABLE CONTINUOUS RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY DEVICE**Art Unit No.: **2900**Examiner: **UNKNOWN**Art Docket No.: **30504-1/P01**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 and 1.182**

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 5, 2001, Applicant hereby petitions the Office to change the above-identified patent application from a design application to a utility application.

**Statement of Facts**

On November 16, 2001, Applicant filed a utility application with the USPTO, including twenty (20) pages of specification, one (1) page of abstract and nine (9) drawing sheets. The application was accompanied by a five (5) page application transmittal, which was incorrectly entitled "NEW DESIGN APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL". The title should have read "NEW UTILITY APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL". Because of the incorrect title, the application was entered as a design application instead of a utility application.

Aside from the incorrect title, the application and transmittal clearly indicate the intent to file a utility application. For example, the fee for a utility application was designated on the transmittal, including an additional fee for thirteen (13) extra claims. By contrast, a design application has only one (1) claim. In addition, the specification contains twenty (20) pages of written disclosure describing a utilitarian invention. It would be highly unusual for a design application to contain such a written disclosure. For these reasons, it is clear that Applicant intended to file and pay for a utility patent application rather than a design patent application.

**Point(s) to be Reviewed**

Conversion of the above-captioned application from a design application to a utility application.

**Action Requested**

Applicant hereby petitions the Office to change the above-identified patent application from a design application to a utility application.

**Petition Fee**

This petition is accompanied by a fee of \$130.00, as provided by 37 CFR 1.17(h), which includes petitions based on decisions not specifically provided for (37 CFR 1.182).

## Conclusion

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-0683 for any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Date: 12/17/2001

Respectfully submitted,

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